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REX omibz ad quos, &c. saltem: cum nos, comparcientes miserabilem stat' pauper', orphanor', decrepitor', senio confector', egrotor' variis morbor' generibz languencium, infirmor' & impotentum psonar', atq ex gra nra spali intime considerantes honestos & pios conatus humilimor' & obedientissimor' subjector' nror' majoris & comunitatis ac civium civitatis nre London', qui diligent' omibz viis & modis student p bona pvisione pdcor' pauper' & cujuslt genis eor', idq tali rone & cura qd neq pueri adhuc existen' in sua infancia carebunt pba educaco atq institucoe, neq, cum ad majorem etatem adolevint, destituent' honestis occupaibz atq occupaibz, unde & ex quibz ipi sese honeste exercere possint in aliqua bona facultate & scientia p comod' & utilitate reipub'; neq morbos aut egroti, cum recurabunt' atq bone valetudini restituent', ignavi sedere & ociosi, divagari in repub', sed simili modo ponent' & cogent' ad labores & honesta atq salubria exercitia: Sciatis, qd nos, tam p consideraibz supdict' qm de gra nra spali, ac ex cta sciencia & mero motu nris, cupientes non solum pgressionem, amplificacoem & incrementum tam honesti & pclari opis, sed etiam dignantes nro noie & regia auctoritate suscipe patronatum hujus excellentissimi atq sanctissimi fundamenti jam nup instaurati, dedimus & concessimus, & p psentes damus & concedimus, majori & comunitati ac civibz civitatis nre London', totum illud manium, capitale mesuagium, & ten' nrm & domum mansionem nram vocat' *Bridewell*, alias *Bridewell Place*, cum omibz & singulis suisj uribz, membris, & ptin' universis, situat', jacen', & existen', in parochia Sce Brigide, in Flete Strete, London'; ac omia & singula



singula domos, edificia, t̃ras, ten', reddit', reṽsi-  
ones, & servic', camer', curtilag', gardina, vacua  
funda, locos, spacia, vias, eisiament', p̃ficua, &  
com̃oditates quecumq̃, d̃c̃e domo vocat' *Bridewell  
Place*, quoquo modo p̃tin' sive spectan', aut ut  
partes, membra, vel parcell' ejusdem antehac h̃it',  
cognit', usitat', seu dimiss', existen', ac etiam om̃es  
& om̃imod' advocac̃oes, donac̃oes, ñoiac̃oes, p̃sen-  
tac̃oes, & jus patronat' rectoriar', vicar', & eccli-  
ar', d̃c̃o nup hospitali dudum spectan' vel p̃tinen',  
ac parcell' possessionum inde nup existen'; necnon  
om̃es & om̃imod' rectorias, decimas, oblac̃oes, ob-  
veñc̃oes, peñc̃oes, por̃c̃oes, & alias decimas quas-  
cumq̃ vel quor̃cumq̃ geñis, nature, vel speciei  
sunt vel fuerunt, vel quibzcumq̃ ñoĩbz sciant', cen-  
seant', vel cognoscantr', d̃c̃o nup hospitali dudum  
spectan' vel p̃tinen', ac parcell' possessionum & re-  
vencionum ejusdem nup existen': except' & semp  
nob' & hered' ñris reservat' capitali mesuag' de  
d̃c̃o nup hospitali, vocat' *Le Savoye House*, cum  
situ & ecclia ejusdem, ac om̃ibz domibz, edificiis,  
& ten', eidem capitali mesuagio & situi adjacen',  
vocat' *Le Savoye Rents*. Dedimus etiam & concessi-  
mus p̃fat' majori & c̃oitati ac civibz civitatis  
London' p̃dict', & successoribz eor̃dem, ad ult̃ior'  
susten' illor' paupum, qui erunt & supportabunt'  
in p̃dict' mañio ñro de Bridewell, om̃ia & om̃imod'  
implement' & utensilia, spectan' sive p̃tinen' tam ad  
domum ñram p̃dict' de Bridewell, q̃m ea om̃ia & om̃i-  
mod' suppellectilia & utensilia ac necessaria que du-  
dum p̃tinebant ad dict' nup hospitale de Savoye, quo-  
cumq̃ ñoĩe censeantur: except' tamen & nob' reser-  
vat' una magna campana, & una parva campana, nunc  
remanent' & existen' in capell' dict' nup hospitalis,  
& uno calice p̃ administrand' com̃unione, & aliis ne-  
cessariis implementis ac rebz h̃end' & occupand' in  
d̃c̃a capella p̃ divino s̃vicio & administrac̃oe sacra-  
ment' ibidem. Dedimus etiam & concessimus p̃fat'  
majori & com̃unitati ac civibz civitatis p̃d̃c̃e &

success' eorūdem omēs & omīmod' bosc', subbosc', & arbores n̄ras quascumq̄, de in & sup p̄missis crescen' & existen', ac tot' t̄ram, solum, & fundum eorūdem boscor', subboscor', & arbor', ac rev̄siones & revencōes quascumq̄ omīum & singulorum p̄missorum & cujst inde parcell', necnon reddit' & annualia proficua quecumq̄, reservat' sup quibzcumq̄ dimissionibz & concessionibz de p̄missis, seu de aliqua inde parcell', quoquomodo fact', adeo plene, libe, & integre, ac in tam amplis modo & forma, ac cum omibz & singulis talibz libtatibz, franchisesiis, jurisdiccōibz, & comoditatibz, put aliquis maḡr vel gub̄nator d̄ci nup hospitalis, aut aliquis alius sive aliqui alii p̄miss' aut aliquam inde parcell' antehac h̄entes possident' aut seisiti inde existen' eadem aut aliquam inde parcell' unq̄m h̄erunt, tenuerunt, vel gavisī fuerunt, h̄uit, tenuit, vel gavisus fuit, seu h̄ere, tenere, vel gaudere debuerunt aut debuit, & adeo plene, libe, & integre' ac in tam amplis modo & forma, prout ea omīa & singula p̄missa ad manus n̄ras r̄one vel p̄textu dissoluōis dict' nup hospitalis, aut r̄one alicujus doni, concessionis, vel sursumreddicōis, inde nob' fact', seu, quocumq̄ alio modo, jure, seu titulo devenerunt, seu devenire debuerunt, ac in manibz n̄ris jam existunt, seu existere debent vel deberent; que quidem mañia, t̄ras, ten', ac cet̄a omīa & singula p̄missa, cum suis p̄tin' (except' p̄except') modo extenduntur ad clarum annum valorem quadragintar' & quinquagint' librar' & non amplius: habend' tenend', & gaudend' p̄dict' mañium, capitale mesuag', & ten', vocat' *Bridewell Place*, ac omīa & singula p̄dict' mañia, mesuagia, t̄ras, ten', heredit' & cet̄a omīa & singula p̄missa, cum suis p̄tin' univ̄sis (except' p̄except') p̄fat' majori & cōitati & civibz civitatis p̄d̄ce, & successoribz suis, ad p̄priū opus & usum ip̄or' majoris & cōtatis & civium civitatis p̄d̄ce, & eor' successor' imp̄p̄m: tenend' de nob', hered' & successoribz n̄ris, ut de mañio n̄ro de Grenewiche, in com' Kanc', in lib̄o socagio, videt' p̄ fidelitatem tantum



tantum & non in capite, p̄ om̄ibz ſvic' & de-  
 mand' quibzcumq̄ proinde nob', hered' & succes-  
 soribz n̄ris, quoquomodo reddend', solvend', vel fa-  
 ciend': Et ulterius, de ub̄iori gr̄a n̄ra, ac ex  
 certa sciencia & mero motu n̄ris, dedimus &  
 concessimus, ac pro nob', hered' & successoribz  
 n̄ris, p̄ p̄sentes damus & concedimus, p̄fat' majori  
 & com̄unitati ac civibz civitatis p̄d̄ce, & successo-  
 ribz suis, quod iidem maior & com̄unitas & cives, &  
 successores sui, h̄eant, teneant, & pleno jure gau-  
 deant & utantur, om̄ia & om̄imod' tot, tanta, talia,  
 eadem, hujusmodi & consimilia cur' let', vis' franc'  
 pleg', ac om̄ia que ad vis' franc' pleg' p̄tinen',  
 seu spectare aut p̄tinere possint aut debeant, assisam  
 & assaiam panis, vini, & cervisie, extrahur', bona  
 & catalla waviat', bona & catalla felonum & fu-  
 gitivor', parcos, lib̄am warrennam, ac om̄ia que ad  
 lib̄am warrennam p̄tinen', seu p̄tinere potuerint,  
 ac alia jura, lib̄tat', privileg', jurisdic̄cōes, p̄ficua,  
 comoditates, & emolument' quecumq̄, in p̄dict'  
 man̄iis, t̄ris, ten', & cētis p̄missis, cum suis p̄tin', &  
 in quāit inde parcell', quot, quanta, qualia, &  
 que nos nunc tenemus atq̄ tenuim', & in tam am-  
 plis modo & forma que nos nunc, aut p̄genitores  
 n̄ri aliquo tempore antehac h̄erunt, tenuerunt, &  
 gavisī sunt, p̄dict' man̄ium & domium n̄rm de *Bride-*  
*well*, & unamquamq̄ partem & parcell' ejusdem,  
 que nunc sint, antehac h̄it', tent', seu cognit' fuit,  
 esse seu fuisse parcell' aut membr' p̄dict' man̄io  
 spectan', vel aliquo modo p̄tinen': Ac etiam quot,  
 quanta, qualia, & que ultim' maḡr d̄ci nup hospi-  
 talis, aut aliquis vel aliqui p̄decessor' suor' in jure  
 nup hospitalis illius p̄dict' man̄iis, t̄ris, ten', & cētis  
 p̄missis, cum suis p̄tin', seu aliqua inde parcell',  
 aliquo tempore h̄erunt, tenuerunt, seu gavisī fue-  
 runt, h̄uit, tenuit, seu gavisus fuit, seu h̄ere, te-  
 nere, vel gaudere debuerunt aut debuit, r̄one  
 aliquar' l̄rar' paten' n̄ri, aut aliquor' progenitor'  
 n̄ror', aut r̄one alicujus carte, doni, concessionis,  
 p̄scrip-



p̄scrip̄cōis, usus, seu consuetudinis, aut alio modo quo-  
 cumq̄: Et ulterius dam', & p̄ p̄sentes concedimus,  
 p̄fat' majori & cōitati ac civibz civitatis p̄d̄ce,  
 om̄ia & om̄imod' exit', reddit', revencōes, & p̄fi-  
 cua, p̄dict' mañior', t̄rar', teñtor', & cetor'  
 p̄missor', cum om̄ibz & singulis suis ptin', à duode-  
 cimo die Junii ultimi p̄titi, anno regni n̄ri septimo,  
 hucusq̄ p̄venien', emergen' seu crescen'; hend' &  
 p̄cipiend' om̄ia p̄dict' exit', reddit', revencōes, &  
 p̄ficua, eisdem majori & cōmunitati, ac civibz ci-  
 vitatis p̄d̄ce, tam p̄ manus suas p̄prias, q̄m p̄ manus  
 receptor', ballivor', firmarior', teñtor', & occupa-  
 tor' d̄cor, mañior', terrar', teñtor', & cetor' p̄mis-  
 sor', cum suis ptin', absq̄ compoto seu aliquo alio  
 p̄ p̄missis, vel aliquo p̄missor', nob', hered' aut  
 successoribz n̄ris, reddend', solvend', vel faciend':  
 Et ulterius volumus, ac auctoritate n̄ra regia qua  
 fungimur, de gr̄a n̄ra sp̄ali, ac ex certa sciencia  
 & mero motu n̄ris, dedim' & concessimus, ac p̄  
 p̄sentes, p̄ nob', hered' & successoribz n̄ris, dam' &  
 concedimus p̄fat' majori & cōmunitati ac civibz  
 civitatis n̄re London', & successoribz suis, licen-  
 ciam, facultatem, & plenam potestatem, here, te-  
 nere, possidere, & gaudere, om̄es & singulas rec-  
 torias, vicar', & ecclias, d̄ce nup hospitalis de Sa-  
 voie, cum jure patronat' eardem, ac om̄ia & sin-  
 gula mesuag', domos, edificia, terras, glebas, an-  
 nuitates, porcōes, pencōes, fructus, decimas, ob-  
 lacōes, ac alia jura, p̄ficua, cōmoditates, & emo-  
 lument' quecumq̄, eisdem rectoriis, vicar', & ec-  
 cliis, seu ear' cuilt, assignat' & appunctuat', spec-  
 tan' vel ptinen', aut imposterum assignari, ap-  
 punctuari, spectare, vel ptinere contingen', ac in  
 usus suos proprios convertere & retinere valeant  
 & possint, absque impeticoe n̄ri, hered' vel successor'  
 n̄ror', aut aliquor' archiep̄or', archidiaconor', vice-  
 com', escaetor', justiīcor', cōmissionarior', aut alior',  
 officiarior' seu ministror' n̄ri, hered' vel successor'  
 n̄ror', & absq̄ compoto, primiciis, vel decimis, aut ali-  
 quo



quo alio p inde nob', hered' vel successoribz nris, quouomodo reddend' solvend', vel fanciend', & absq̃ nōiācōe, p̃sentacōe, institucōe, seu collacōe, alicujus rectoris, in aliqua ecc̃lia vel rectoria p̃dict', statut' de t̃ris & ten' ad manum mortuam non ponend', aut statut' de concessione primiciar' & decimar', nob', hered' & successoribz nris, de beneficiis, dignitatibz, & p̃mociōibz sp̃ualibz & eccl̃iasticis, nup̃ edit' & provis', aut aliquo alio statut', actu, ordinacōe, p̃visione, p̃hibicōe, restricōe, vel lege eccl̃iastica vel temporalī in contrarium, inde antehac hit', fact', edit', ordinat', seu p̃vis', aut aliqua alia re; causa, vel mat̃ia quacumq̃ in aliquo non obstan', & absq̃ aliquo brevi de ad quod dampnum, seu aliquo alio b̃ri, mandat', vel p̃cept' nri, hered' vel successor' nror', in hac parte quouomodo p̃sequend', impetrand', vel fiend', & absq̃ aliqua inquisicōe inde fiend' vel capiend'; Sciatis insup, quod nos, de ub̃iori gr̃a nra, ac ex certa sciencia & mero motu nris, volumus, & licenciam dedim', ac p̃ presentes pro nob', hered' & successoribz nris, licenciam damus & concedim', quibuscumq̃ subdit' & ligiis nris, q̃d ip̃i aut eor' aliquis vel aliqui, mañia, rectorias, t̃ras, ten', decimas, reddit', revencōes, servic', seu alia possessiones, reversiones, vel hereditament' quecumq̃, ad annuam valenciam quatuor mille marcar', in civitate nra London', seu alibi infra regnum nrm Angl', aut in Wallia, vel alibi ubicumq̃ infra d̃minacōes seu potestat' nras, ult' p̃dict' mañia, rectorias, t̃ras, ten', & c̃etera p̃missa sup̃ius p̃ p̃sentes ut p̃fert' dat' & concess', licet de nob' teneantur in capite, vel alit', p̃fat' majori & cōitati ac civibz d̃ce civitatis London', & successoribz suis, imp̃pm dare, concedere, vendere, alienare, legare, valeant & possint: Et eisdem majori & cōmunitati, ac civibz & successoribz suis, q̃d ip̃i hujusmodi mañia, rectorias, terras, ten', decimas, reddit', reṽsiones, servic', possessiones, revencōes, & hereditamenta,

ad



ad annuam valenciam p̄dict', ultra p̄dict' mania, rectorias, t̄ras, ten', & cetera p̄missa, sup̄ius p̄ p̄sentes, ut p̄fert', dat' & concess', de aliquibz subdit' & ligiis n̄ris, h̄ere, p̄cipe, & p̄quirere, valeant & possint, similit' licenciam damus & concedim' sp̄alem p̄ p̄sentes; statut' de t̄ris & ten' ad manū mortuam non ponend', aut aliquo alio statut', actu, ordinacōe, seu p̄visione, in contrariū inde antehac hit', fact', ordinat', seu p̄vis', aut alia aliqua re, causa, vel mania quacumq̄ in aliquo non obstan': Et ut intencio n̄ra p̄dict' meliorem capiat effectum, & ut t̄re, ten', reddit', revencōes, & alia ad sustentacōem hospitalis domor' pauper' p̄dict' concedend', assignand', & appunctuand', melius gub̄nent', p̄ continuacōe ejusdem, volumus & ordinamus, q̄d hospital' p̄dict', cum sic fundat', erect', & stabilit' existant, Hospitalia Edwardi Regis Angl' Sexti, Xpi, Bridewell, & S̄ci Thome Apli, nōinent', vocent', & appellent'; quodq̄ p̄dict' major & cōmunitas ac cives civitatis London' p̄dict', & successores sui, gub̄natores dict' hospital', ac possessionū, revencionū, & bonor' dict' Hospital', vulgarit' vocat' & vocand' Hospital' Edwardi Regis Angl' Sexti, Xpi, Bridewell, & S̄ci Thome Apli, nōinent', vocent', & appellent'; & q̄d iidem gub̄natores in re, fact', & nōie, de cetero sint & erint unum corpus corporat' & politicum de se imp̄pm, p̄ nomen Gub̄nator' possessionum, revencionum, & bonor', hospital' Edwardi Regis Angl' Sexti, Xpi, Bridewell, & S̄ci Thome Apli, incorporat' & erect', ac ip̄os gub̄nat' possessionum, revencionum, & bonor' hospital' p̄dict', p̄ p̄sentes incorporamus, ac corpus corporat' & politicum, p̄ idem nomen imp̄pm durat', realiter & ad plenum creamus, erigimus, ordinamus, facimus, & constituimus, p̄ p̄sentes: Et volumus q̄d iidem gub̄natores possessionum, revencionum, & bonor', dict' hospital' Edwardi Regis Angl' Sexti, Christi, Bridewell, & S̄ci Thome Apli, h̄eant successionem p̄petuam, & p̄ idem nomen sint & erint psone habiles & in



lege capaces ad hēnd' & recipiend', tam de nob' fr̄as, ten', reddit', rev̄siones, hereditament', ac bona & catalla quecumq̄, q̄m de aliqua alia psona, seu aliis psonis quibuscumq̄; hēnd' sibi & successoribz suis imp̄pm: Et ulterius volumus, ac p nob', hered' & successoribz n̄ris, p p̄sentes concedimus, p̄fat' gūbnatoribz & successoribz suis, q̄d de cetero imp̄pm hēant cōmune sigillum ad negocia sua p̄miss' & ceter' in hiis lris n̄ris paten' express' & specificat', seu aliquam inde parcell', tantummodo tangen' seu concernen', deservitur': Et q̄d ip̄i gūbnatores, p nomen Gūbnator' possessionum, revencionum, & bonor' hospital' Edwardi Regis Angl' Sexti, Christi, Bridewell, & S̄ci Thome Apli, p̄litare possunt, & implitari, defendere, & defendi, respondere & responderi, in quibuscumq̄ cur' & locis, & coram quibuscumq̄ judic', in quibuscumq̄ causis, accōibz, sect', querelis, p̄litis, & demand', cujuscumq̄ nature seu condicōis fuerint, p̄missa, & cēta subscript', aut aliquam inde parcell', aut p aliquibz offensis, transgress', rebz, causis, vel m̄tiis, p aliquas psonas, seu aliquam psonam, fact' seu p̄petrat', aut fiend' seu p̄petrand', in vel sup p̄missis, aut aliqua inde parcell', aut aliquod in p̄sentibz specificat' tangen' seu concernen': Et ulterius, de ub̄iori gr̄a n̄ra, ac ex autoritate n̄ra regia, certa scientia, & mero motu n̄ris, dedimus & concessimus, pro nob', hered' & successoribz n̄ris, quant' in nob', est ac p p̄sentes damus & concedimus, p̄fat' majori & cōitati ac civibz London' p̄dict', & successoribz suis imp̄pm, ac majori parti eor̄dem, q̄d plene & integre licebit seu licere pōit eisdem majori & cōmunitati ac civibz, pro tempore existen', om̄i tempore & semper posthac, quando & quociens eis expedire videbit', vel necessitas sic postulabit, ordinare, constituere, & facere omnes tales idoneas, salubres, & honestas ordinacōes, statut', & regulas, p recta gūbnacōe paupum, in eodem m̄n̄io sive domo vocat' Bridewell Place, alendor',



alendor', aut in illis aliis domibz, vocat' Christ's Hospitall, & Seynte Thomas Hospitall in Southwerke p̄dict', seu in eor' aliquo, prout eis bonum videbit'; necnon plenam potestatem & auctoritatem examinare om̄es & singulas psonas ociose vagant' infra civitatem p̄dict', & libtates ejusdem, atq̄ cogere eos occupare & exercere se ipsos, p viribz suis, honestis laboribz atq̄ ope : Damus eciam, & p p̄sentes concedimus, p nob', hered' & successoribz n̄ris, p̄fat' majori & cōmunitati ac civibz London' p̄dict', & successoribz suis, plenam potestatem & auctoritatem, de tempore in tempus, nōiare, ap̄punctuare, fac', creare, ac ordinare, tales atq̄ tam multos officarios, ministros, vel gubnatores, sub se, in p̄dict' hospitali vel domibz, vel in eor' aliquo, qui de tempore in tempus p̄videant pauperibz in eisdem, ut bene ac honeste ordinent' & curent', ac eciam p ordine & gubnacōe eor̄dem pauper', prout eis etiam bonum & conveniens videbit', sine impeticōe n̄ri, hered' vel successor' n̄ror', justic', escaetor', vicecom', ministror', servor', aut alior' subjector' quor̄cumq̄, n̄ri, hered' vel successor' n̄ror', aliquo statut', actu, lege, seu ordinacōe, antehac fact', aut imposterum fiend', in contr̄ium non obstan', ita q̄d illa ordinacōes, leges, & statut', contr̄ia non sint seu repugn' legibz & statutis regni n̄ri Angl', aut p̄rogative n̄re regie : Et ulterius damus & concedimus, p nob', hered' & successoribz n̄ris, p̄fat' majori & cōitati ac civibz civitatis n̄re London' p̄dict', & successoribz suis imp̄pm, q̄d bene liceat & licebit tam p̄dict' majori & cōitati & civibz pro tempore existen', q̄m eisdem & talibz officiariis, ministris, vel gubnatoribz, quos & quales p̄dict' major & cōmunitas ac cives p̄dict' appunctuabunt sive ordinabunt, de tempore in tempus, esse officarios, ministros, vel gubnatores, sub se, ejusdem manij sive domus vocat' Bridewell Place, aut illar' aliar' domor' vel hospitalium assign', put p̄fertur, p paupibus p̄dict', & duor'



vel trium eor', dñio posthac, de tempus in tempus,  
 tam infra civitatem London' p̄dict' & suburb' ejus-  
 dem, q̄m infra dict' com' n̄rm Midd', acquirere &  
 examinare diligent', om̄ibz viis & modis quibz eis  
 melius scire poterint, sc̄dm eor' prudenciam &  
 discrecōem, om̄es & om̄imod' suspiciosas domos, ta-  
 b̄nas, dīvsoria, aleatoria, ludos saltatorios, ac locos  
 alios quoscumq̄, & lib̄tatem sive lib̄tates, & locos  
 exemptos quoscumq̄, infra dict' civitatem & suburb'  
 ejusdem, & dict' com' n̄rm Midd', quibzcumq̄ no-  
 m̄ibz seu titulis illa seu eor' aliqua sunt aut erunt  
 vocitat', nuncupat', aut appellat'; ac etiam scru-  
 tari, investigare, ac inquirere, om̄es & singulas do-  
 mos aliquo modo suspect', sive locos quoscumq̄ pro-  
 ociosis ruffianis, ignavis, ganeonibz, vagabundis,  
 & valid' mendicis, sive aliis quibuscumq̄ p̄sonis  
 suspect', & hominibz quibuscumq̄, mulieribz seu vi-  
 ris, mali nominis & fame; & eosdem ruffianos, ga-  
 neones, vagabundos, & mendicos, non solum ap-  
 prehendere, infra easdem domos suspect', seu locos,  
 lib̄tatem vel lib̄tates, & locos exemptos, existen'  
 infra dict' civitatem & suburb' ejusdem, seu infra  
 dict' com' Midd', sed etiam tenentes, maḡros, dños,  
 sive custodes, talium domor' vel locor', ubi aliquis  
 talis vel tales inventi fuerint vel fuerit, in domum  
 occupaconum & Bridewell committere, aut aliquo  
 alio modo eos om̄es & singulos punire, p̄ut bonum  
 & legitimum tunc eis expedire videbit', nisi honeste  
 & juste talium domor' & locor' tenentes, maḡri, dñi,  
 sive custodes, se excusare atq̄ exoñare possint, coram  
 p̄fat' majore & aldermannis ejusdem civitatis pro  
 tempore existen', seu coram officiariis, ministris,  
 vel gūbnatoribz, sub se, p̄d̄car' domor', quare  
 tales ociosos ruffianos & suspectas & vagabundas  
 p̄sonas ita alant & nutriant, seu p̄mittant in suis do-  
 mibz jacere, con̄sari, & frequentare, atq̄ etiam nisi  
 talis vel tales homines ita suspect' & vagabundi ex-  
 isten', sic capt', sufficient' & plene declariare possint  
 vel possit p̄ sua honesta & bona conversacone, &  
 justam



justam rōnem reddere quibz modes victitent vel victitet, & quam ob causam ita vagantur vel vagatur, & indies frequentant hujusmodi suspiciosas domos, & abscondita seu prohibita loca, atq̃ etiam invenire sufficientem securitatem q̃d honeste se posthac gerent, & quibz eor' geret: Et p̃terea volumus, q̃d licebit majori & aldermannis civitatis p̃dict', p̃ tempore existen', seu p̃ illis aliis officiariis seu gũb'natoribz pauper', sub se, in hospitalibz p̃dict', p̃ tempore existen', uti hujusmodi correcc̃oe & ordine in p̃missis p̃ut ip̃is convenientissimum aut com̃odissimum videbit', absq̃ impeticoe ñri, hered' vel successor' ñror', justic', escaetor', vicecom', aut alior' ministror', s̃vor', sive subjector' quorūcumq̃, ñri, hered' vel successor' ñror', aliquo statut', actu, ordinac̃oe, restric̃oe, lege, sive consuetudine, in contr̃ium inde aliquo modo non obstan: Volumus etiam & p̃ p̃sentes concedimus p̃fat' majori & cōitati & civibz civitatis ñre London', q̃d heant & hebunt has lras ñras paten' sub magno sigillo ñro Angl', debit' modo fact' & sigillat', absq̃ fine seu feod' magno vel parvo nob' in Hanapio ñro, seu alibi ad usum ñrm, p̃inde quoquomodo reddend', solvend', vel faciend'; eo q̃d exp̃ssa mencio de valore annuo aut de certitudine p̃miss', sive eor' alicujus, aut aliis donis sive concessionibus p̃ nos vel p̃ aliquem p̃genitor' ñror' eisdem majori & com̃unitati ac civibz civitatis ñre London' ante hec tempora fact', in p̃sentibz minime fact', existit, aut aliquo alio statut', actu, ordinac̃oe, provisione, seu restric̃oe, inde in contr̃ium fact', edit', ordinat', seu provis', aut aliqua alia re, causa, vel mat̃ia quacumq̃, in aliquo non obstan'. In cujus rei, &c. T. R. apud Westm', xxvi die Junii.

Per b̃re de privato sigillo, &c.







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EDWARD THE SIXTH, by the Grace of God, King of *England, France, and Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, and on Earth of the Church of *England and Ireland* the Supreme Head, To all Persons unto whom this present Writing shall come greeting. For as much as We mercifully considering the miserable Estate of the Poor, Fatherless, Lane, Aged, Sick, Sore, and Weak, inflicted with divers and sundry kinds of Diseases; and considering the honest and godly Endeavours of Our most humble and obedient Subjects, the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, who diligently, by all Manner of Means and Ways, study and travel for the good Provision of the aforesaid People, and for every Sort of them, and that in such wise that neither the Children being yet in their Infancy and tender Age shall lack honest bringing up and watching,\* neither when they shall be of riper Years shall they be destitute of honest Means and Occupations, wherein to exercise and occupy themselves, as well to their own Commodities, as also to the Commodity and Profit of the Commonweal, neither that the sick and diseased Persons, when they shall by their charitable Provisions and Means be recovered and restored unto Health, shall then again as slothful and idle Persons be permitted to beg and wander abroad as Vagabonds, to the Displeasure of Almighty God and Grief of good People, but that they shall also be forced to practise and exercise themselves in honest and profitable Sciences and Occupations: Wherefore know Ye that We, as

\* Alluding to Christ's Hospital.

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well for the Considerations aforesaid, of Our special Goodness, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, desiring not only the Furtherance, Amplifying, and Increase of so honest and noble a Work, but also having vouchsafed to take upon Us the Name and Patronage of this most excellent and laudable Foundation, now for ever more to be established. We have therefore given and granted, and by these Presents do give and grant, unto the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of Our City of *London*, All that Our Manor, Chief Messuage, Tenement, and Mansion House, called *Bridewell*, alias *Bridewell Place*, with all and singular the Rights, Members, and Appurtenances, set, lying, and being in the Parish of Saint *Bride*, in *Fleet Street*, in *London*, and all and singular Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Reversions, and Services, Chambers, Curtilages, Gardens, void Grounds, Places, Spaces, Ways, Easements, Profits, and Commodities whatsoever to the said House called *Bridewell Place*, in any wise appertaining and belonging, or as Parts, Members, or Parcels of the same heretofore have been counted, known, or been letten. And also all Manner of Parsonages, Tithes, Oblations, Revenues, Pensions, Provisions, and other Tithes whatsoever, of what Kind, Nature, or Sort soever they be or have been, or by what Manner of Names they be known, judged, or reputed, unto the same late Hospital lately belonging and appertaining, and lately being Parcel of the same Possessions and Revenues of the said late Hospital; excepted, and always unto Us and Our Heirs reserved, the chief and head Messuage of the said late Hospital called the *Savoy House*, with the Site and Church of the same, with the Houses, Buildings, and Tenements, unto the said chief Messuage and Site adjoining, called the *Savoy Rents*: We have also given and granted unto the said

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Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* aforesaid, and to their Successors, for the further Sustentation of those Poor which shall be maintained within Our said Manor of *Bridewell*, all and all Manner of Implements and Necessaries belonging and appertaining, as well to Our said House of *Bridewell*, as all and singular Beddings, Utensils, and Necessaries, lately belonging and appertaining unto Our said late Hospital of the *Savoy*, by what Name soever they are or may be called; excepted, and to Us reserved, one great Bell, and one small Bell, now remaining and being in the Chapel of Our said Hospital, and one Chalice for the Administration of the Communion, and other necessary Implements and Things to be had and occupied in the said Chapel for Divine Service, and Administration of the Sacraments there. We have also given and granted unto the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* aforesaid, and to their Successors, all Manner of Woods, Underwoods, and Fees whatsoever, in and upon the Premises growing and being; and all the Land, Ground, and Plot of the same Woods, Underwoods, and Trees, and Reversions and Revenues whatsoever of all and singular the Premises, and of every Part and Parcel of the same; and also all Rents and Yearly Profits whatsoever, reserved upon all Manner of Leases and Grants of the Premises, or of any Part and Parcel of the same, in any wise made, as perfectly, freely, and wholly, and in as ample Manner and Form, with all and singular such Liberties, Franchises, Jurisdictions, and Commodities, as any Master or Governors of Our said Hospital, or any other the Premises, or any Parcel of the same, having, possessing, or being therein seised, or any Parcel thereof he or they have holden, had, or enjoyed, or ought to have had, holden, or enjoyed, and as fully and

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freely, and in as ample Manner and Form, as all and singular the Premises unto Our Hands, by Reason or Pretence of the Dissolution of the said late Hospital, or by Reason of any other Gift, Grant, or Surrender thereof unto Us made, or by any other Way, Right, or Title, have happened, or ought to have happened, and in Our Hands do now remain, or of Right ought or should remain; all which Manors, Lands, Tenements, and all and singular other the Premises, with their Appurtenances (except before excepted) are now extended to the clear Yearly Value of £.450. and no more; to have and to hold and enjoy the aforesaid capital Messuage or Tenement called *Bridewell Place*, and all and singular the aforesaid Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and all and singular the Premises, with all and every their Appurtenances (except as before excepted) unto the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City aforesaid, and to their Successors, unto the only Use and Occupying of the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City aforesaid, and to their Successors for ever, to be holden of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, as of Our Manor of *Greenwich*, in the County of *Kent*, in Free Socage (that is to say) by Fealty only, and not *in Capite*, for all Manner of Services and Demands whatsoever unto Us, Our Heirs or Successors, in any Wise to be yielded, paid, or done. And moreover, of Our more abundant Grace, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, We have given and granted, and for Us and Our Successors, by these Presents, do give and grant unto the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City aforesaid, and to their Successors, that they the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, and their Successors, may have, hold, and in full Right enjoy, all and all Manner, so many, so great, and such like, the same  
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and of like Sort, Courts Leet, Views, Frank Pledge, and whatsoever appertain or belong unto Views or Frank Pledges, or in any Wise may or ought to appertain or belong to the Assize and Assay of Bread and Wine, and all Strays, Goods and Chattels, Waifes, Goods and Chattels of Felons and Fugitives, Parks, Free Warrens, and that appertain unto Free Warrens, or ought to appertain, and all Manner of Rights, Privileges, Liberties, Jurisdictions, Profits, Commodities, and Advantages, whatsoever, in the said Manors, Lands, Tenements, and other the Premises, with their Appurtenances, and in every Part and Parcel of the same, how many, how great and of what Sort, We now hold, and have holden, and in as ample Manner and Form as We now, or Our Progenitors at any Time heretofore have had, holden, and enjoyed, Our aforesaid Manor and House of *Bridewell*, and every Part and Parcel of the same, which now, or in Times past have been counted, holden, or known to be, or have been, Parcels or Members to the said Manors belonging, or in any wise appertaining; and also how many, how great, and of what Sort, and whatsoever, the Masters of the said late Hospital, or any of his or their Predecessors lately in the Right of the Hospital, in the aforesaid Manors, Lands, Tenements, and other the Premises, with their Appurtenances, or in any Parcel of the same, at any Time have had, holden, or enjoyed; or he or they ought to have had and enjoyed, by Reason of any Letters Patents by Us or any of Our Progenitors, or by Reason of any Charter, Gift, Grant, Prescription, Use, or Custom, or other Means whatsoever. And further We give, and by these Presents grant, unto the said Mayor, Commonalty and Citizens of the City aforesaid, all and all Manner of Profits, Rents, Revenues, and Advantages,

vantages, of the aforesaid Manors, Lands, Tenements, and other the Premises, with all and singular the Appurtenances, from the 12th of June last past, in the Seventh Year of Our Reign, hitherto issuing, growing, or in any Wise arising : To have and enjoy all the aforesaid Advantages, Rents, Revenues, and Profits, unto the said Mayor, Commonalty and Citizens of the City aforesaid, aswell by their own Hands, as by the Hands of Receivers, Bayliffs, Farmers, Tenants and Occupiers, of the said Manors, Lands, Tenements, and other the Premises, with their Appurtenances, without Accompt, or any other Thing, for the Premises, or any of them, to Us, Our Heirs or Successors, to be rendered, paid, or done. And furthermore We will, and by Our Kingly Authority which We now possess, and of Our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, have given and granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do give and grant, unto the said Mayor, Commonalty and Citizens of Our said City of *London*, and to their Successors, License, Liberty, and full Power, to have, hold, possess, and enjoy, all and singular Parsonages, Vicarages, and Churches, of the said late Hospital of the *Savoy*, with the Rights of the Patronage of the same: And all and singular Messuages, Houses, Buildings, Lands, Glebes, Annuities, Pensions, Portions, Fruits, Tithes, Oblations, and other Rights, Profits, Commodities, and Advantages whatsoever, unto the said Parsonages, Vicarages, and Churches, or to any of them, assigned, appointed, belonging, or appertaining, or hereafter to be assigned, to be appointed, to belong, or appertain, or that hereafter may be turned unto their proper Uses; the same to retain, have, and possess, without Let or Impediment of Us, Our Heirs or Successors, or of any Arch-  
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bishops, Archdeacons, Sheriffs, Escheators, Justices, Commissioners, or of any other Officers or Ministers of Us, Our Heirs or Successors, and without Account of First Fruits, or Tithes, or any other Thing, as unto Us, Our Heirs and Successors, in any Wise to be yielded, paid, or done, in that Behalf, and without Nomination, Presentation, Institution, or Collation of any Person in any Church or Parsonage aforesaid; the Statute that Lands and Tenements should not be given into Mortmain, or the Statute of First Fruits and Tenths, granted unto Us, Our Heirs and Successors, of Benefices, Dignities, and Spiritual Promotions, and Ecclesiastical Laws set forth and provided, or any other Statute, Ordinance, Provision, Prohibition, Restraint, or Ecclesiastical or Spiritual Law for the same, to the contrary, before this Time, had, made, set forth, ordained or provided, or any other Thing, Cause, or Matter whatsoever, in any Wise notwithstanding, and without any Writ of Damage, or any other Writ, Commandment, or Precept of Us, Our Heirs or Successors, in this Part, in any Wise to be sued, to be obtained, or to be done, and without any Inquisition thereof to be made or taken. Know you moreover that We, of Our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, have willed and given License, and, by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do license and grant unto all Our Subjects and liege People, that they, or any of them, shall be, and are by these Presents, made liable to give, grant, sell, alienate, or bequeathe, any Manors, Parsonages, Lands, Tenements, Tithes, Rents, Reversions, Services, or any other Possessions, Revenues, or Hereditaments whatsoever, unto the yearly Value of Four Thousand Marks, within Our City of *London*, or elsewhere within Our Realm of *England*,

*England*, or in *Wales*, or any other Place, where-  
 ever it be, within Our Dominions and Juris-  
 dictions, over and above the said Manors, Par-  
 sonages, Lands, Tenements, and other the Pre-  
 mises, before in these Presents before-mentioned  
 and declared, given and granted, although they  
 be holden of Us *in Capite*, or otherwise, unto  
 the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of  
 the City aforesaid, and to their Successors for  
 ever. And the said Mayor and Commonalty and  
 Citizens, and their Successors, We ordain and  
 make able, by these Presents, to take and to re-  
 ceive such like Manors, Parsonages, Lands, Te-  
 nements, Tithes, Rents, Reversions, Services,  
 Possessions, Revenues, and Hereditaments, unto  
 the yearly Value aforesaid, over and besides the  
 Manors, Parsonages, Lands, Tenements, and  
 other the Premises before expressed, which shall  
 be given and granted of any of Our Subjects and  
 liege People, the Statute of Lands and Tene-  
 ments to be given in Mortmain, or any other  
 Statute, Act, Ordinance of Proviso, in the same  
 contained, to the contrary heretofore made, or-  
 dained, or provided, or any other Thing, Cause,  
 or Matter whatsoever, in any Wise notwithstand-  
 ing. And that Our Purpose aforesaid may take  
 the better Effect, and that the Lands, Tenements,  
 Rents, Revenues, and other Profits, unto the Sus-  
 tentation of Hospitals or Houses of the poor  
 People aforesaid granted, and to be granted,  
 assigned, and appointed, may be the better go-  
 verner, maintained, and continued, We will  
 and ordain, that the Hospitals aforesaid, being  
 thus founded, erected, and established, shall re-  
 main, and be called from henceforth, the Hospi-  
 tals of *Edward the Sixth*, King of *England*, of  
*Christ*, *Bridewell*, and *Saint Thomas the Apostle*:  
 And that the said Mayor and Commonalty and  
 Citizens of the said City of *London*, and their  
 Successors,



Successors, shall hereafter be named and called the Governors of the Possessions, Revenues, and Goods of the said Hospitals, commonly called the Hospitals of *Edward, King of England the Sixth, of Christ, Bridewell, and Saint Thomas the Apostle*. And that the same Governors, in Effect, Deed, and Name, from henceforth be, and shall be, one Body Corporate and Politick of itself, for ever, by the Name of *The Governors of the Possessions, Revenues, and Goods of the Hospitals of Edward, King of England the Sixth, of Christ, Bridewell, and Saint Thomas the Apostle*, incorporate and erected. And further We do create, erect, ordain, make, and constitute, by these Presents, that such as are and shall be Governors of the Possessions, Revenues, and Goods of the Hospital aforesaid, shall remain, by this Incorporation, a Body Corporate and Politick, and by the same Name really to continue for ever to endure. And We will, that the said Governors of the Possessions, Revenues, and Goods of the said Hospitals of *Edward, King of England the Sixth, of Christ, Bridewell, and Saint Thomas the Apostle*, shall have perpetual Succession, and that by the same Name there may be, and shall be, Men capable, and in Law, able, to have and receive, as well of Us, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Reversions, Hereditaments, Goods, and Chattels, whatsoever they be, as of any other Person or Persons whatsoever, to be had unto them, and their Successors for ever. And moreover We will, and for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by these Presents, do grant unto the said Governors, and to their Successors, that from henceforth, for evermore, they shall have one Common Seal, for the Confirmation of their Affairs in the Government of the said Hospitals; and that the said Governors, by the Name of the Governors of “The Possessions, Revenues, and Goods of the Hospitals of *Edward,*  
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King of England the Sixth, of Christ, Bridewell, and Saint Thomas the Apostle," may plead, and, being pleaded, may defend and be defended, to make Answer, and to be answered for, in all Manner of Courts and Places, and before all Manner of Judges, in whatsoever Causes, Actions, Suits, Complaints, Pleas, and Demands, of what Condition or Nature soever it be, the Premises and other Things under-written, or any Parcel of the same, or for any Manner of Offences, Trespasses, Things, Causes, or Matters, by any Person or Persons made or done, to be made, or to be done, in or upon the Premises, or any Parcel of the same, touching or concerning any Thing mentioned in these Presents. And furthermore, of Our especial Grace, and by Our Kingly Authority, and of Our certain Knowledge and mere Motion, We have given and granted, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, as much as in Us is, and by these Presents We do give and grant, unto the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of *London* aforesaid, and their Successors for ever, and to the greater part of the same, Liberty and Authority, that they the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, *for the Time being, may at all Times, and always hereafter, when and as often as it shall be thought unto them convenient, or Necessity shall so require, to ordain, constitute, and make all Manner of Decrees, convenient, wholesome, and honest Ordinances, Statutes, and Rules, for the good Government of the Poor, in the said Manor or House called Bridewell-place to be supported, or in those other Houses called Christ, and Saint Thomas's Hospital in Southwark, aforesaid, or any of them, as unto them shall seem good!* And also full Power and Authority to examine all and singular Persons idly wandering within the City aforesaid, and Liberties of the same, and to compel them to occupy and exercise,



Exercise themselves, according unto their Powers,  
in honest Labours and Work. We give also  
 and grant, by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs  
 and Successors, unto the said Mayor and Com-  
 monalty and Citizens of *London* aforesaid, and to  
 their Successors, *full Power and Authority, from*  
*Time to Time, to nominate, appoint, make, create,*  
*and ordain, such and so many Officers, Ministers,*  
*and Governors, under them,* in the said Hospitals or  
 Houses, or in any of them, *for the necessary Ser-*  
*vice of such Poor as from Time to Time shall be*  
*harboured in the said Hospitals,* to the Intent  
 they may be well and honestly ordered and pro-  
 vided for, as shall be thought meet by their Dis-  
 cretions, without any Let of Us, Our Heirs and  
 Successors, or of Our Justices, Escheators,  
 Sheriffs, Ministers, Servants, or any other Our  
 Subjects whatsoever *they be: any Statute, Act,*  
*Law, or Ordinance before this Time made,* or  
 hereafter to be made, unto the contrary notwith-  
 standing; so that the said Ordinances, Laws, and  
 Statutes, be not contrary or repugnant to the  
 Laws and Statutes of Our Realm of *England*, or  
 to Our Kingly Prerogative. And moreover We  
 give and grant, for Us, Our Heirs and Suc-  
 cessors, unto the said Mayor and Commonalty  
 and Citizens of Our City of *London* aforesaid, and  
 to their Successors for ever, that it shall and may  
 be lawful, as well unto the said Mayor, Com-  
 monalty and Citizens for the Time being, as also  
 unto such as the said Mayor and Commonalty and  
 Citizens aforesaid shall appoint and ordain, from  
 Time to Time, to be Officers, Ministers, and  
 Governors, under them, of the said Manor or  
 House called *Bridewell-place*, or of those other  
 Houses or Hospitals appointed for the Poor, as is  
 before declared, and unto two or three of them,  
 from henceforth, from Time to Time, as well  
within the Liberties of the City of *London* afore-  
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said, and Suburbs of the same, as within Our said County of Middlesex, to search and examine diligently by all Ways and Means that can be best devised, according to their Wisdom and Discretions, for all and all Manner of suspicious Houses, Taverns, Ale-houses, Dicing houses, Plays, Games, Dancing Schools, and other Places whatsoever they be, as well within the Liberties as without, and Places exempt, whatsoever they be, within the said City and Suburbs of the same, or within Our aforesaid County of Middlesex, by whatsoever Names or Titles they or any of them be or shall be called, named, or expressed; and also to search, enquire, and seek out, all and all Manner of Houses by any means suspected to be Harbourers or Receivers of idle Ruffians, Tavern Haunters, Vagabonds, Beggars, or any other suspected Persons, and also for all Persons of evil Name and Fame, whatsoever they be, *Men or Women*; and the same Ruffians, Tavern Haunters, Vagabonds, and Beggars, and Persons of evil Name and Fame, not only to apprehend, within the said suspected Houses, Liberty, or Liberties, and other Places exempted within the said City, and Suburbs of the same, or within the said County of *Middlesex*, but also the Inhabitants, Masters, Landlords, and Keepers of such Houses and Places where any such or such like are or shall be found, and the same to send and commit *to the House of Occupations in Bridewell*, or by any other Way or Means to punish them, and every of them, as shall be thought good and meet, by their Discretions; unless the Tenants, Masters, and Landlords, and Keepers of such Houses and Places, can honestly and fairly excuse and discharge themselves before the Mayor and Aldermen of the said City for the Time being, or before the Officers, Ministers, and Governors appointed under them of the said Hospitals, and shew



shew reasonable and honest Matter why they harbour, nourish, or suffer, such idle Ruffians, suspected Persons, and Vagabonds, to lodge, haunt, or frequent their Houses; and also except such and such like suspected Persons and Vagabonds, being so taken, can sufficiently and fully declare for their honest and good Conversation, and give a just Account by what Way or Means he or they do live, and for what Cause he or they wander abroad, and daily do frequent such suspicious Houses or lurking Corners and Places prohibited, and also can find sufficient Surety that they and every of them shall thenceforth bear and behave themselves honestly. And furthermore, We will that it shall be lawful unto the Mayor and Aldermen of the City aforesaid for the Time being, *or for the other Officers or Governors of the Poor* which shall be assigned *under them* to govern the said Hospitals for the Time being, *to use such Manner of Corrections and Order in the Premises as unto them shall be thought most meet and convenient, without any Impeachment of Us, Our Heirs or Successors,* or any of Our Justices, Escheators, Sheriffs, or other Ministers, Servants, or Subjects whatsoever they be; any Statute, Act, Ordinance, Restraint, Law, or Custom, to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding. We will also, and, by these Presents, do grant unto the said Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens of our said City of *London*, that they may have, and shall have, these Our Letters Patent under Our Great Seal of *England* in due form to be made and sealed, without Fine or Fee, great or little, to Us into Our Hanaper, or elsewhere unto Our Use, for the same in any wise to be yielded, paid, or done; for that the express mention of the true yearly Value, or of the Certainty of the Premises, or of any of them, or of any other Gifts or Grants by Us, or by any of Our Progenitors, unto the said Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens of our City of

*London*, before this Time made, concerning the Premises, to be void, or any other Statute, Act, Ordinance, Proviso, or Restraint thereof, to the contrary made, set forth, ordained, or provided, or any other Thing, Cause, or Matter whatsoever, in any wise notwithstanding. In witness whereof, we have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent. Witness Myself, at *Westminster*, the 26th Day of *June*, in the 7th Year of Our Reign, 1552.

By the Writ of the Privy Seal, &c. of the Date aforesaid, by the Authority of the Parliament.



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HENRY THE EIGHTH, by the Grace of God, of *England, France and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, and over the Churches of *England and Ireland* Supreme Head, To all whom these our present Letters shall come Greeting. Know ye that We, as well for Accomplishment of certain Grants, Promises, Articles, and Agreements, in a certain Indenture made between Us of the one Part, and the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of Our City of *London* of the other Part, bearing date the twenty-seventh Day of *December*, in the thirty-eighth year of Our Reign, expressed and specified, as for other Causes and Considerations Us at this present especially moving; of Our especial Grace, and of our certain Knowledge and mere Motion, We have given and granted, and by these presents We do give and grant to the before-named Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of Our City of *London*, all the Church late of the Friars Minors, commonly called *The Grey Friars*, within Our City of *London*, and all the Site of the House of the before-named Friars Minors, and all the edifices, Lands, and Soil of the Church aforesaid: And also all the Houses and Edifices formerly commonly called the Friary, the Library, the Dorter and Chapterhouse of the said House late of the Frier Minors, and all the Land and Soil called the great Cloyster, and the little Cloyster of the said House late of the Frier Minors, within the Precinct and Site of the House late of the Frier Minors aforesaid: And also all those Our Chambers and Edifices now or late in the several Tenures of *George Woodward*,

Grant of  
the Church  
called Grey  
Friars, and  
the House  
of the Fri-  
ars Minors.

Grant of  
Chambers,  
Houses and  
Waste  
Grounds,  
within the  
Circuit of  
the House  
of Friars  
Minors.

*Woodward*, and *Edward Metcalfe*, situate and being within the Site, Precinct and Circuit of the said House late of the Frier Minors: And also all those Our Houses, Edifices, Chambers, and Waste Grounds, now or late in the Tenure of *Erwin Moone*, within the Precinct of the said Site of the said House late of the Frier Minors: And also all that Our Chamber or Hall, and Cellar under the same, and all the Ground within the little Cloyster in the Precinct of the said Site of the said House late of the Frier Minors: now or late in the Tenure of *Hugh Willoughby*, one of Our Serjeants at Arms for the Term of his Life: And all that Part of the Houses and Edifices called the Dorter of the said House late of the Frier Minors, being now empty and unoccupied: And also all those Our Houses and Edifices and Waste Grounds, now or late in the Tenure of *Richard Tredray*, on the North Side of the little Cloyster of the said House late of the Frier Minors aforesaid, and all other Houses, Edifices, Gardens, Waste Grounds, Lands, and Tenements, and other Hereditaments whatsoever, with their Appurtenances, situate, lying, and being, within the Circuit and Precinct of the said Site of the said House late of the Frier Minors aforesaid, and the Reversion and Reversions of all and singular the Premises and Rents and yearly Profits whatsoever, reserved upon whatsoever Demises and Grants of the Premises, or of any Parcel thereof, in any wise made, and all other Our Land and Soil whatsoever, within the Precinct of the said House late of the Frier Minors aforesaid; and also all the Lead and Stone, Iron, Glass, Timber, and all other Things whatsoever, now being and remaining in and upon the Premises or any Parcel thereof. We give also, and, for the Considerations aforesaid, by these Presents do grant unto the before-named Mayor and Commonalty

Grant of  
St. Bartho-  
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Hospital.



monalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, all  
 the late Hospital of Saint *Bartholomew's* in *West-*  
*Smithfield*, next *London*, otherwise called the  
 Hospital of Saint *Bartholomew the Less*, in *West*  
*Smithfield*, near *London*, or by whatsoever other  
 Name the same late Hospital is called or known,  
 and all the whole Church of the same late Hos- Church  
 pital, and the Land and Soil of the same Church ; and Soil of  
 together with divers Messuages, Lands, Tene- the same.  
 ments, Rents, and Hereditaments, in the said Let-  
 ters Patent particularly described ; and which  
 said Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Rents, and  
 other the Premises, in the said Parishes of Saint  
*Sepulchre*, &c. &c. to the said late Hospital former-  
 ly did belong and appertain, and lately stood as  
 Part of the Possessions thereof. We give also,  
 and for the Considerations aforesaid, We do by  
 these Presents grant to the aforesaid Mayor and  
 Commonalty and Citizens of the aforesaid City  
 all those Our Lands, Meadows, and Pastures, con-  
 taining by Estimation, sixteen Acres, now or late Sixteen  
 in the Tenure of *John Willowby*, lying and being Acres of  
 in divers Pieces near *Wallack's Barn*, in Our said Land, near  
 County of *Middlesex*, and in the Parish of St. Wallock's  
*Giles*, without *Cripplegate*, *London*, to the said late Barn, in  
 Hospital formerly belonging and appertaining ; the Parish  
 with divers other Lands, Meadows, Pastures, par- St. Giles,  
 ticularly described. And further We do give, and Cripple-  
 for the Consideration aforesaid, by these Presents, gate.  
 grant unto the before named Mayor and Com- Grant of -  
 monalty and Citizens of the City aforesaid, all and all other  
 singular other Manors, Messuages, Houses, Edi- Manors,  
 fices, Barns, Stables Dove Houses, Nurseries, Or- Messuages,  
 chards, Gardens, Pools, Fish Ponds, Lands, Tene- &c.  
 ments, Mills, Meadows, Feedings, Pastures, Com-  
 mons, Waste Grounds, Furze Heaths, Marshes,  
 Woods, Underwoods, Rents, Reversions, Ser-  
 vices, and also Rents reserved, upon whatsoever  
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Leets,  
&c.

Demises and Grants made of the Premises, and of every Parcel thereof, Court Leets, View of Frank Pledge, Chattels, Waived Estrays, Rectories, Vicarages, Advowsons, Pensions, Portions, Tithes, Oblations, Knights Fees, Wards, Marriages, Escheats, Reliefs, Heriots, Fines, Amerciaments, and all other Our Rights, Profits, Commodities, Emoluments, and Hereditaments whatsoever, with all and singular their Appurtenances, as well Spiritual as Temporal, of whatever Kind, Nature, or Species they be, or by whatsoever Names they are called or known, situate, lying and being in the said City of *London* and in the Suburbs of the same, and in *Edmonton* otherwise call *Edmeleton*, *Willesden*, *Aylesbury*, in the Parish of Saint *Pancrass in the Fields*, *Clitherhouse*, *Hendon*, *Lymehurst* otherwise called *Lymehost*, *Stebenheath*, *Endefield*, and *Hackney* in Our said County of *Middlesex*; *Downeton*, *Downham*, *Ramsdan*, *Ronwell*, *Wixford*, *Little Wakering*, *Burneham*, *Hatfield*, *Broad-oak*, *Okerell*, and *Shernewood*, in Our said County of *Essex*; and in *Docher*, in Our County *Buckingham*; and in *Wollaston*, in Our County of *Northampton*; and in *Hynton Saint George* otherwise called *George Hinton*, in Our County of *Somerset*; and in *Heath*, in Our County of *Oxford*; and in the Town of *Saint Albans*, in Our County of *Hertford*; and in all other Places whatsoever, as well in the said Counties of *Middlesex*, *Essex*, *Buckingham*, *Northampton*, *Somerset*, *Oxford*, and *Hertford*, as in all other Places whatsoever within Our Realm of *England*, to the said late Hospital in any Manner belonging or appertaining, or heretofore had, known, accepted, used, or reputed, as Parcel of the Possessions or Revenue of the same late Hospital.

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ges, Lands,  
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cepted.

Except nevertheless, and altogether reserved unto Us, Our Heirs and Successors, all those Messuages, Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments, called

*Crookehorn*



*Crookehorn Alley*, or by whatsoever other Name or Names they are called or known, and all the Gardens and Waste Lands to the same belonging and appertaining, situate, lying and being in the Parish of Saint *Andrew*, *Holborn*, in the County of *Middlesex*, that is to say, between the Messuage and Tenement commonly called *Davies Inn* on the East Side, and a Tenement now or late of *Thomas Trapps* of *London* Goldsmith, on the West Side; and a certain Parcel of Waste Ground there on the South Side; and the King's Highway on the North Side; And also except, and in like Manner reserved to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, all that Yearly Rent of thirty-six Shillings issuing and payable out of the Messuage and Tenement of *Martin Bowes*, Knight, in *Friday Street London*: And also except, and in the like Manner altogether reserved unto Us, Our Heirs and Successors, all those Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Meadows, Pastures, and Hereditaments, now or late in the Tenure of *Henry Alford* in *Rayneham*, in the said County of *Essex*: And all that Manor and Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, in the Parish of *Haryngey* otherwise *Hornsey*, and in *Totenam*, in the said County of *Middlesex*, now or late in the Tenure of *Robert Hennage*, Esquire, or his Assigns, and which were let to Farm to *William Brereton*, Esquire. We also do give and by these Presents do grant to the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of Our City, all the aforesaid Hospital, and the aforesaid Manors, Parsonages, Advowsons, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Meadows, Feeding Pastures, Woods, Underwoods, Rents, Reversions, Services, and all and singular other the Premises above expressed and specified, with the Appurtenances (except before excepted) and that as fully, freely, and wholly, and in as ample Manner and Form, as the late Master or Keeper or Governor of the

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merly of  
the Friars  
Minors, or  
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sors in  
Right of  
the said  
Hospital,  
have held  
the same.

Grant of  
the Parish  
Churches  
of Saint  
Nicholas  
and Saint  
Erwine.

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said late Hospital, and the last Warden or Governor of the said late House formerly of the Friars Minors, or any one or more of their Predecessors, or of any of them, in Right of the late Hospital and House of the Friars Minors, or either of them, at any Time before the several Dissolutions of the same late Hospital and House of Friars Minors or before the late Hospital and that House came into Our Hands, hath, have, or had holden or enjoyed, or ought to have, hold or enjoy the aforesaid late Hospital, and all other and singular the Premises above expressed and specified, or any Parcel thereof, and that as fully, freely, and wholly, and in as ample Manner and Form, as all and singular those Things by Reason and Pretext of the several Dissolutions of the said Hospital and House of Friars Minors, as by Reason or Pretext of any other Charter, Gift, Grant, or Confirmation to us in any Manner made, or by Reason or Pretext of any Act of Parliament or otherwise howsoever, have come or ought to have come into Our Hands, and in Our Hands now being or ought to be. And also We have given, and have granted, and by these Presents, for the Considerations abovesaid, of Our certain Knowledge and mere Motion aforesaid, do give and grant to the aforesaid Mayor, and Commonalty and Citizens of the aforesaid City, all those Parish Churches of Saint *Nicholas* and Saint *Erwine* within *Newgate*, in Our City of *London*, by whatsoever Names the same Churches are called or known, or any of them is known or called, and the Soil or Ground of the said Churches; together with several Messuages or Tenements and Hereditaments in the Parishes of Saint *Nicholas* and Saint *Erwine*, in the City of *London*; to have, hold and enjoy the aforesaid late Hospital, and the aforesaid Manors, Rectories, Churches, Advowsons, Pensions, Portions, Tythes, Oblations,



tions, Lands, Meadows, Feedings, Pastures, Woods, Underwoods, Rents, Reversions, Services, Courts Leet, Frank Pledge, Waifs, Strays, Free Warrens, and all and singular other the Premises above expressed and specified, with the Appurtenances, except before excepted, to the before named Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of Our said City of *London* and their Successors for ever, to the proper Use and Behoof of the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the aforesaid City, and of their Successors for ever, to be holden of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, as of Our Manor of *Greenwich*, in the County of *Kent*, in Free Socage (that is to say) <sup>Fealty.</sup> by Fealty only, and not *in Capite*, for all Services and Demands whatsoever therefore to Us, Our Heirs or Successors, in any Manner to be rendered, paid, or done. And further, of Our more abundant Grace, and from Our certain Knowledge and mere Motion, We have given and granted, and for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by these Presents, do give and grant to the before named Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of Our aforesaid City, that the same Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens may have, hold, and in full Right enjoy and use, all and all Manner, as many, <sup>Courts Leet, &c.</sup> as great, such, the same Kind, and the like Courts Leet, View of Frank Pledge, and all that to View of Frank Pledge do appertain, or may or ought to appertain or belong, Assize and Assay of Bread, and all Estrays, Goods and Chattels Waived, and Goods and Chattels of Felons and Fugitives, Parks, Free Warrens, and all that to Free Warren doth or can possibly appertain or belong, and all other Rights, Liberties, Privileges, Jurisdictions, Profits, Commodities, and Emoluments whatsoever, to the aforesaid Manors, Lands, Tenements, and other the Premises, with their Appurtenances, and in every Parcel thereof,

as many, as great, and of such Sort, and which the last Master of the said late Hospital, or any or either of his Predecessors in the Right of the same late Hospital in the aforesaid Manors, Lands, Tenements, and other the Premises, with their Appurtenances, or any Part thereof, at any Time have had, held, and enjoyed, or else have or hath or ought to have holden and enjoyed, by reason of any Our Letters Patent, or of any of Our Progenitors, or by Reason of any Charter, Gift, Grant, Prescriptions, Use, or Custom, or by any Manner whatsoever. And further we give, and by these Presents do grant to the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the aforesaid City, all and all Manner of Issues, Rents, Revenues, and Profits of the aforesaid Manors, Lands and Tenements, and other the Premises, with all and singular their Appurtenances, from the Feast of Saint *Michael* the Archangel, in the thirty-eighth Year of Our Reign, hitherto coming, arising, or growing, to hold and perceive all the aforesaid Issues, Rents, Revenues, and Profits, to the same Mayor, and Commonalty and Citizens of the City aforesaid, as well by their own proper Hands, as by the Hands of the Receivers, Bailiffs, Farmers, Tenants, and Occupiers of the said Manors, Lands, Tenements and other the Premises, with their Appurtenances, without any Account or any other Thing for the Premises, or any Part thereof, to Us, Our Heirs or Successors, to be rendered, paid, or done.

And further know ye, that We, of Our special Grace, and of Our certain Knowledge and mere Motion aforesaid, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, have given, and granted, and by these Presents do give and grant to the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City, aforesaid, and their Successors, the *Custody, Order, and Government* of Our House and Hospital, called

As held by  
the late  
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All Issues,  
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called *Bethlem*, situate within and near *Bishopsgate*,  
of the said City of *London*; and of all other Bethlem  
Manors, Lands, Tenements, Possessions, Revenues, and Hereditaments whatsoever, wheresoever lying and being, to the same House and Hospital called *Bethlem* belonging and appertaining; and the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City aforesaid, and their Successors, We make, ordain, and constitute, by these Presents, Masters, Keepers, and Governors of the aforesaid House and Hospital called *Bethlem*, and of the aforesaid Manors, Lands, Tenements, and other the Premises to the same House and Hospital belonging and appertaining; to have, hold, and enjoy the aforesaid *Custody, Order, and Governance* of the said House and Hospital called *Bethlem*, and of the aforesaid Manors, Lands, Tenements, Possessions, Revenues, and Hereditaments, to the same House and Hospital called *Bethlem* belonging and appertaining to the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the aforesaid City, and their Successors for ever, for the Uses, and Intentions in and upon the Foundation thereof *ordained or provided*, or by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, *hereafter to be ordained and provided*. And that the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of Our City of *London* and their Successors, shall and may be able the better to support the Charges and Expences of the Poor in the said House called the House of the Poor in *West-Smithfield* aforesaid to be sustained, and other Charges of the same Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the aforesaid City, and their Successors, assigned and appointed by the aforesaid Indenture between Us and the same Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City aforesaid (made as before mentioned) Know Ye, that We, of Our more bountiful Grace, and certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, will, and have given,  
License

License to  
receive and  
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License and, by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do give and grant License to all Our Subjects and Liege People, that they, and any of them, one or more, have Power, and may give, grant, sell, alienate, and bequeath, to the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the said City of *London*, and their Successors for ever, Manors, Rectories, Lands, Tenements, Tithes, Rents, Reversions, Services, or other Possessions, Revenues, or Hereditaments, to the Yearly Value of One Thousand Marks, within Our City of *London*, or elsewhere within Our Kingdom of *England*, or in *Wales*, or in any other Place wheresoever within Our Dominions or Powers; besides the aforesaid Manors, Rectories, Lands, Tenements, and other the Premises above by these Presents given and granted, although they be holden of Us *in Capite* or otherwise. And the same Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, and their Successors, shall have Power, and may have, take, and purchase, such Manors, Rectories, Lands, Tenements, Tithes, Rents, Reversions, Services, Possessions, Revenues, and Hereditaments, of the Yearly Value of a Thousand Marks, besides the aforesaid Manors, Rectories, Lands, Tenements, and other the Premises above by these Presents (as is aforesaid) given and granted, of any Our Subjects or Liege People. We likewise give and grant special License, by these Presents, notwithstanding the Statute of Lands given in Mortmain, or any other Statute, Act, Ordinance, or Provision, heretofore had, made, or provided, or any other Thing, Cause, or Matter whatsoever, in any wise notwithstanding. We will also, and by these Presents do grant to the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of Our City of *London*, that they have, and shall have these Our Letters Patent, under Our Great Seal of *England*, in due Manner made and sealed, without Fine, or Fee



Fee great or small, to Us, Our Hanaper or elsewhere to Our Use, therefore in any Manner to be given, paid, or made, although express Mention of the Yearly Value, or of the Certainty of the Premises, or any of them, or of other Gifts or Grants by Us, or by any of Our Progenitors, to the same Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of Our City of *London*, before this Time made, not in the least appear in these Presents, or of any other Statute, Act, Ordinance, Provision, or Restraint thereupon to the contrary made, set forth, ordained, or provided, or any other Thing, Clause, or Matter whatsoever, in any wise notwithstanding. In Testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent. Witness Ourselves at *Westminster*, the thirteenth Day of *January*, in the thirty-eighth Year of Our Reign.

O. HALES.

By the King Himself, of the Date aforesaid,  
by Authority of Parliament.









